

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1660  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINT EG  
SUBJ: SADAT DRAWS HUGE CROWDS IN TANTA

1. PRESIENT SADAT, WHO WAS IN HIS HOME VILLAGE OF  
MIT ABU AL-KUM ON FEBRUARY 10 (TO CAST HIS VOTE IN  
REFERENDUM) AND ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, PAID SURPRISE  
VISIT TO DELTA CITY OF TANTA FOR FRIDAY PRAYERS. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED  
BY VP, PRIMIN SALEM, DEPUTY PRIM/MINWAR GAMASY AND OTHER  
CABINET MINISTERS AND SHAYKH AL-AZHAR AT NOON  
PRAYER AT SAYYID BADAWI MOSQUE, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY HOLY  
SHRINE. PRESS HAS EIGHT-COLUMN PHOTOS FEBRUARY 12  
SHOWING HUNDREDS OF WAVING CITIZENS GREETING THE PRESIDENT  
WHO STANDING IN OPEN CAR. REPORTEDLY CROWDS LINED 20 KM.  
ALONG ROAD FROM TANTA BACK TO MIT ABU AL-KUM TO DEGREE  
THAT DRIVE REQUIRED NINETY MINUTES.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THIRD SUCCESSIVE FRIDAY ON  
WHICH PRESIDENT HAS MADE SURPRISE VISITS TO MOSQUES.  
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JUDGING FROM PRESS REPORTS, HIS WELCOME IN THE  
COUNTRYSIDE WAS GENUINELY ENTHUSIASTIC, MUCH MORE SO  
THAN IT HAD BEEN IN CAIRO. PRESIDENT IS CLEARLY  
SEEKING EMPHASIZE HIS TIES TO ISLAM (HE IS A GENUINELY  
DEVOUT MUSLIM) AT TIME WHEN GOE CONTINUING ITS HIGHLY  
PUBLICIZED CLAMP DOWN ON MARXISTS. IN THIS RELIGIOUSLY  
CONSERVATIVE COUNTRY, SUCH PR EFFORTS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY

USEFUL IN BURNISHING HIS IMAGE AS "MAN OF THE PEOPLE",  
ESPECIALLY SINCE PRESIDENT HAS COUPLED HIS  
PUBLIC DEVOTIONS WITH A FIRM WARNING AGAINST RELIGIOUS  
BIGOTRY (IN HIS REMARKS LAST WEEK, ALSO HIGHLY PUBLICIZED,  
TO COPTIC AND MUSLIM LEADERS).  
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